

Picture Book

Science

Language Arts

Diary of a Fly

Author: Cronin, Doreen

Illustrator: Harry Bliss

Publisher: Harper Collins, 2007

Readability Level: 2.5

Interest Level: Pre-K - 2

Cultural Connections:

Summary: This is the story of a young fly, which is discovering who she is. As she learns about all of her skills, she dreams of being a super-hero. Told through the young fly's diary entrees, this book is entertaining, funny, and informational.

Reading Activity

Have your students complete a K-W-L chart about flies. An extension to this activity could be to do some research on the internet or other non-fiction books to discover more about the biology of flies. Students can make a poster with pictures and information that they have learned about flies.

Literacy Activity

Ask the students if they have ever written in a journal or diary. Ask them what they think people might write about in a diary or journal entry. Tell the class that they are going to read a diary of a young fly. While they are reading they should look for how it is written. What should a journal entry always include? What are some of the things that the young fly writes about? After reading discuss the answers to those questions. Explain that journal entries should always include the date. They also should include something personal that happened that day. Have the class make their own diary. Explain that you want them to keep a journal for the entire week. At the end of the week the class will get to share their diaries if they would like to.

Common Core State Standards:

RI.2.1. Ask and answer such questions as *who*, *what*, *where*, *when*, *why*, and *how* to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.

W.2.8. Recall information from experiences or gather information from provided sources to answer a question.